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## BARBADOS.

*Report from Bridgetown—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Smallpox on steamship Parima from Georgetown, British Guiana—Pernicious malarial fever on steamship Ecclesia from Brazil—Status of yellow fever—Mosquito destruction.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, May 1:

Week ended May 1. Bills of health issued to 9 vessels having 32 passengers and 355 members of crews. Four vessels were fumigated.

One case of smallpox was taken off the steamship *Parima* from Georgetown, British Guiana, and placed in quarantine. The patient was a steward. All who could not show a good vaccination scar, with a recent history, were vaccinated by the port physician, with the exception of the captain, who refused to submit to vaccination. Notation to that effect was made upon bill of health and fumigation certificate. The living quarters of the ship were fumigated, and the bedding of the patient was burned, and his quarters were washed out with a solution of bichloride of mercury.

The steamship *Ecclesia* arrived here from Puerto Villa, on the Madeira River, Brazil, with 12 of the crew sick with malarial fever, pernicious form. Between Puerto Villa and Para, on the return voyage, 1 man died; and upon being removed to quarantine another died. The vessel was fumigated throughout, and hatches were recommended to be kept closed until just before arriving at Pensacola. The ship was in Madeira River water ballast, which was replaced with sea water upon leaving here; drinking water from condenser on board. The ship was compelled to lay to, so the captain reports, nearly a day, between here and Para, because all the crew were too sick to navigate the vessel. Twelve men were taken on here to replace those landed.

Four new cases of yellow fever were reported during the week. All of these cases occurred in the country, and all were among negroes. The warfare on the *Stegomyia calopus* is continued. The sanitary condition of this port is good.

## BELGIUM.

*Plague on steamship Rubens at Antwerp bacteriologically confirmed.*

The following is received from the Belgian legation, through the Department of State:

May 3. An English vessel, the *Rubens*, which left San Nicolas, Argentine Republic, in cargo of grain, March 6, was held at Doel by the sanitary service April 11 as suspect.

There were 3 members of the crew, one of whom had been attacked by, and two were still suffering from, a disease which clinical examination has shown to be a mild form of bubonic plague (ambulatory plague).

The patients and the entire crew, numbering 300 persons, were immediately taken, the former to the lazaretto and the others to the sanitary station of Liefkenshoeck. The latter have remained five